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1. According to a resolution of the Council of Ministers dated 30 November 1953, all
 furnace installations in East Germany were to be converted to raw brown coal burning
 in order to save high-grade fuel. In early 1954, experiments with this kind of coal
 were made by the Ministry of Heavy Industry.

2. The above operations showed that an amount of 100,000,000 eastmarks would be needed for
 the conversions. Savings effected would amount to 43,000 tons of briquettes, 1,600,000
 tons of hard coal, a sizable portion of which low grade, and 2,300,000 tons of
 low-temperature carbonization coke. A total of 7,700,000 tons of raw brown coal would
 be needed in compensation.

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Comment: A change over from hard coal to brown coal burning in East German
 industrial enterprises and railroad installations was started immediately after the
 close of the war. During the first post-war years, brown coal briquettes were used in
 place of hard coal. As, however, the production of brown coal briquettes has remained
 behind targets since early 1952, the quantities of briquettes available for industrial
 and traffic requirements were no longer adequate. The conversion of furnace installations
 to raw brown coal burning, which started in 1952, will apparently be increased
 considerably in 1954.

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